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(performed at SCP)****3 & 6 digit analysis only  
(performed at SCP)****all 10 digits available (performed  
at SCP)****MAINTENANCE****Trouble Reporting  
Testing/tracing/clearance  
Cust. relations (PCS user,  
caller, etc.)  
Carrier/svc. prov. identification****like 800 today  
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## 900 NXX CODE ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

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## 900 NXX CODE ASSIGNMENT GUIDELINES

### 1.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

This document specifies guidelines for the assignment of NXX codes within the 900 Service Access Code (SAC) to carriers.

**1.1** For the purpose of these assignment guidelines, unique NXX codes will be utilized within the 900 SAC to identify the individual carriers for routing purposes.

**1.2** These guidelines are provided to accommodate a method which utilizes unique NXX codes within the 900 SAC to identify individual carriers in order to allow multiple carrier 900 access. This method requires a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) to 6-digit translate the 900 NXX portion of a 900-NXX-XXXX number in order to identify the carrier for call routing. Consequently, the assignment of individual NXX codes to specific carriers is required. The 900 SAC may be accessed by dialing (1)+900-NXX-XXXX. \* As an option, use of 0+900-NXX-XXXX dialing may also be allowed for 900 access. Use of the 10XXX or 101XXXX Carrier Access Code prefix is not consistent with NXX assignment and routing and is therefore not permitted.

**1.3** These guidelines were developed by the industry consensus process by the Industry Numbering Committee.

**1.4** These guidelines are expected to apply throughout the NANP serving area subject to the appropriate regulatory or governmental procedures and constraints.

### 2.0 BACKGROUND

The 900 SAC was first introduced in 1971 for information services in which the caller pays for call setup and the specific services associated with the 900 call. In 1986, NANPA issued 900 NXX Assignment Guidelines in Bellcore Advisory Letter, AL-86/07-006. The AL described the use of NXX codes to identify individual carriers for routing purposes and contained a set of procedures for obtaining NXX assignments. In 1996, the Industry Numbering Committee (INC) developed the 900 NXX assignment guidelines contained herein to replace the previous version.

### 3.0 ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSTRAINTS

The development of these guidelines include the following assumptions and constraints:

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\* \* This would not apply to those end user lines from which the subscriber has requested the blocking of all 900 calls.

**3.1** NANP resources, including those covered in these guidelines, are collectively managed by the North American Telecommunications industry with oversight of the North American federal regulatory authorities.

The NANP resources are considered a public resource and are not owned by the assignees. Consequently, the resources cannot be sold, brokered, bartered or leased by the assignee for a fee or other consideration.

If a resource is sold, brokered, bartered, or leased for a fee, the resource is subject to reclamation by the Administrator.

**3.2** These guidelines are intended to apply to 900 NXX code(s) which are assigned to carriers.

**3.3** These assignment guidelines do not apply to an environment where 900 number portability exists. If portability is implemented, these guidelines will be replaced with a 10-digit assignment plan negating the need for the allocation of specific NXXs to carriers. However, there may be a need to retain specific NXX assignments for areas that do not participate in portability.

**3.4** The allocation and assignment of 900 NXX codes to telecommunications carriers, as set forth in these guidelines, remains in effect until there is industry consensus and/or regulatory policy direction to change or supersede these assignment guidelines.

**3.5** NANP numbering resources shall be assigned to permit the most effective and efficient use of a finite numbering resource in order to maximize the existing resource pool and delay the need to assign additional resources. To promote the efficient and effective use of numbering resources, audits of code applicants will be performed to ensure the consistent application of, and compliance with, these guidelines.

**3.6** These guidelines do not address the issue of who will fill the role of 900 NXX code administrator. The guidelines described herein were developed by the industry without any assumption on who should be the 900 NXX code administrator. Currently, the code administrator is North American Numbering Plan Administration (NANPA)

**3.7** The applicant/holder of the 900 NXX code must have authorization, if required, from the appropriate applicable regulatory authority(ies) to operate in the area in which it intends to provide 900 service.

**3.8** The guidelines should provide the greatest latitude to those 900 carriers while effectively permitting management of a finite resource.

**3.9** 900 NXX code(s) are a public resource and administrative assignment of the codes does not imply ownership of the resource by the entity performing the administrative function, nor does it imply ownership by the entity to which it is assigned. The assignment of a 900 NXX code(s) by the code administrator implies the use of that code(s) by the code recipient/holder for 900 services.

#### **4.0 ASSIGNMENT PRINCIPLES**

To allow the entities the greatest possible latitude in providing services the following assignment principles apply to all aspects of the "900 Code Assignment Guidelines":

**4.1** The NXX code, as part of the 900-NXX-XXXX NANP number format, is to be assigned to identify the carriers.

**4.2** 900 NXX codes shall be assigned in a fair, timely and impartial manner to any applicant which meets the criteria for assignment as detailed in Section 4.

**4.3** If required, applicants for 900 NXX codes must comply with all applicable local governmental, state, federal and the NANP area governmental regulations relative to the pay per call information service they wish to provide.

**4.4** The 900 NXX codes will be assigned and used only for pay per call information services.

**4.5** 900 NXX codes are a finite resource that should be used in the most effective and efficient manner possible.

**4.6** Information that is requested of applicants in support of a 900 NXX code assignment shall be uniform and kept to a minimum. Information received by the administrator shall be treated on a proprietary and confidential basis, adequately safeguarded and not shared with non-code administrator personnel.

**4.7** An entity which is denied the assignment of one or more codes, under these guidelines, has the right to appeal that decision as described in Section 12 (Appeals Process).

**4.8** NXX codes will be assigned on a first come, first served basis from the available pool of unassigned codes. However, the code administrator will attempt to match a code assignment with a specific code request.

**4.9** These guidelines do not impose a limit on the total number of NXX codes assigned to each entity, provided that codes already assigned are used as specified in these guidelines.

## **5.0 CRITERIA for ASSIGNMENT**

The assignment criteria in the following sections shall be used by the code administrator in reviewing a 900 NXX code assignment request.

**5.1** NXX codes will only be assigned to applicants for 900 service in the NANP area who have established plans for a 900 access arrangement and upon approval of a completed code request form, Attachment A. In the case of an Interexchange Carrier (IC), an access arrangement through a Local Exchange Carrier (LEC) should be in place or in the process of negotiation with a LEC before submitting a 900 NXX request form.

**5.2** In order to obtain an NXX within the 900 code, the applicant must complete and sign Part A of the "900 NXX Code Forms" (see Attachment A). In addition, the applicant must certify that it will be providing 900 service as a public telecommunications service and that it has secured the authorization, if necessary, from the federal, state, provincial or other regulatory body within the NANP area in which it intends to provide 900 service.

**5.3** All information provided on or with Part A of the "900 NXX Code Forms" (Attachment A) will be considered proprietary and confidential.

**5.4** NXX codes will be assigned to applicants who plan on activating these codes within six months after the date of their NXX code(s) assignment. This time interval is an outside limit and is not intended to delay implementation(s). If a code holder can demonstrate that the code has not been activated solely due to delays beyond their control, the time period will be extended until these constraints are resolved. This time interval is intended to be used for the following purposes:

- Trigger administrator follow-up
- Provide target time frames for code activation
- Provide a basis for code conservation.

**5.5** 900 NXX codes shall be assigned on a first come, first served basis and each applicant requesting a code(s) will be assigned a unique code(s) on an exclusive basis, i.e., the code may be used only by the assignee in any state, province or country in the NANP area.

**5.6** There will be no maximum placed on the total number of codes assigned to each carrier. However, each NXX request shall be limited to one per application



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form (Attachment A). *No more than 5 codes can be requested at any one time.* Additional codes will be allocated provided the applicant can:

1. Demonstrate that all previously assigned codes have been activated or will be activated within the six-month period from the date the codes were assigned. A code is considered activated if the code holder has arranged for the code to be opened (i.e., for the necessary translations to be performed) in at least one Central Office.
2. Justify the need for the additional codes requested by advising of plans to activate new services requiring individual codes within six months of the date of the request.

**5.7** Advance code reservation is not recommended and normally not permitted. Consideration by the code administrator for code reservation will be made, however, if the applicant can clearly demonstrate that it is essential to accommodate technical or planning constraints that could limit an effective service offering. The code administrator will try to satisfy such requests but cannot guarantee specific requests will be satisfied.

**5.7.1** Any code reservation(s) is subject to assignment to another qualifying requestor in the case that no other feasible resource exists.

**5.7.2** A code can be reserved for a maximum of three months, and at that time written notice will be forwarded to the applicant informing them that the reservation will be cancelled by the administrator.

**5.7.3** To obtain a 900 NXX reservation, an applicant shall submit a written request to the administrator explaining the reasons why the request meets the conditions for reservations as specified in Section 5.7. The administrator will respond in writing to the applicant within 10 business days as to the disposition of the reservation request.

**5.8** The N11 (211 through 911) codes will not be assigned as 900 NXX codes.

**5.9** The applicant's preference for a specific 900 NXX code will be honored to the extent possible. The code administrator should advise applicants that certain NXX codes may cause dialing confusion; e.g., 700, 950, etc. However, applicants requesting one of these codes are not precluded from receiving it, if unassigned. In the event that the applicant's preferred code is unavailable, the applicant may specify up to five alternative codes in order of preference. If the preferred and alternatives are not available or the applicant does not indicate a preference for another specific code, the administrator will assign a code on a random basis.

**5.10** If two applicants request the same NXX code simultaneously (i.e., their written requests are received by the code administrator with the same time and date stamp) one of the applicants would be randomly selected to receive the NXX code.

## **6.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CODE APPLICANTS AND HOLDERS**

Entities requesting new 900 NXX code assignments as well as entities already assigned 900 NXX codes shall comply with the following:

**6.1** The code applicant shall request from the 900 NXX code administrator information associated with the assignment of NXX codes for 900 services. This includes a current copy of the "900 NXX Code Assignment Guidelines".

**6.2** The code holder is responsible for meeting all conditions of these guidelines.

**6.3** The application process for 900 NXX assignments shall include the following:

**6.3.1** Apply in writing to the code administrator, complete all required entries on the "900 NXX Code Forms" that are in Attachment A of these guidelines to the best of his/her ability as well as sign the forms. One form shall be completed per request. No more than 5 codes can be requested per application form. The completed and signed "900 NXX Code Forms" should be sent to the code administrator (see Section 11).

**6.3.2** Requests for an additional code(s) shall include sufficient information to demonstrate the need for the code(s) and should include the following:

- 1) certify previously assigned codes have been activated or will be activated within six months from the date of assignment, and
- 2) certify that new NXX codes will be activated within a 6-month period.

**6.3.3** Provide, if desired, requests for specific and alternative NXX code assignments in order of preference. The administrator will try to satisfy such requests but cannot guarantee specific requests will be satisfied, see Section 7.4.1.1.

**6.3.4** Certify on Part A of the "900 NXX Code Forms" that the required regulatory authority authorization has been obtained for which the code is being requested.

**6.3.5** Agree to abide by sound code conservation practices and the reclamation procedures (see Sections 9).

**6.4** Ongoing 900 NXX code holders responsibilities shall include the following:

**6.4.1** Assume the responsibility for the assignment of the last four digits of the 900 NXX numbers and the maintenance of up-to-date assignment records that match 900 NXX numbers to subscribers for all allocated NXX code(s). These records will be required for audit purposes (see Section 8.0). If 900 service number portability is implemented in the future, a portion of these records may also be required for centralized assignment of 900 numbers.

**6.4.2** Changes in the information associated with a code assignment shall immediately be made known to the code administrator using Part A of the "900 NXX Code Forms". Such changes may occur because of the transfer of a code, through merger or acquisition, to a different company. The code holder of the NXX code acquired by merger, acquisition or other means must immediately inform the code administrator when the change becomes effective. This change information is required to ensure that an accurate record of the entity responsible for the code and the data associated with the code is maintained.

**6.4.3** The holder of the 900 NXX code acquired by merger, acquisition, or other means must use the code consistent with these guidelines.

**6.4.4** The code holder must participate in the audit process. See Section 9.

**6.4.5** A code(s) assigned to an entity, either directly by the code administrator or through transfer from another entity, should be activated within six months after the original date of assignment by the code administrator. See Section 7 and Part C of "900 NXX Code Forms" (Attachment A).

**6.4.5.1** Code holders shall also provide trouble reporting contact and telephone number associated with their 900 NXX numbering resource. See Part C of "900 NXX Code Form".

**6.4.6** If a code holder no longer has need for the code, the code should be returned to the code administrator for reassignment. See Section 8.

**6.4.7** If the audit process determines that a code is not in activated after six months from the date of a code assignment, the code administrator will request the voluntary return of the code. See Section 9.

**6.6** The code applicant/holder should be aware that provision of 900 service on a national or regional basis using a particular NXX code(s) may be restricted by either state or federal regulation.

## **7.0 RESPONSIBILITIES OF CODE ADMINISTRATOR**

The code administrator shall:

**7.1** Provide copies of the "900 NXX Code Assignment Guidelines", including timely notification of changes.

**7.2** Provide code applicants/holders assistance in completing the "900 NXX Code Forms". (See Attachment A.)

**7.3** Track 900 NXX code requests and make NXX code assignments on a first come, first served basis.

**7.4** Upon receipt of the written request form, the administrator shall process the application for 900 NXX codes and should follow these steps:

**7.4.1** Determine if the request is in compliance with code assignment principles and criteria as set forth in these guidelines.

**7.4.1.1** Based on the availability of the codes, an attempt will be made to assign the preferred code as listed on Part A of the "900 NXX Code Forms". If two applicants request the same NXX code simultaneously (i.e., their written requests are received by the code administrator with the same time and date stamp) one of the applicants would be randomly selected to receive the NXX code.

**7.4.1.2** The code administrator will discuss with the applicant if one of the current codes from the existing resource pool is appropriate and select an unassigned code for assignment.

**7.4.1.3** Provide a disposition on a NXX code request (See Part B of the "900 NXX Code Forms"). There are three possible dispositions; i.e., assigned, denied and requires further information. The code administrator will respond in writing of the disposition within 10 working days from receipt of the assignment request form. The response will include:

- a) If assigned: The NXX code actually assigned,
- b) If denied: The reason(s) for denial and instructions on how and where to make an appeal of the decision, or
- c) Requires additional information: The specific additional information required

**7.4.2** If the application is approved and a code is assigned, the code administrator will notify Bellcore Traffic Routing Administration of the assigned NXX code and carriers identification information for publication; e.g., in the Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG).

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**7.4.3** Records on code assignments and resource availability will be updated and used to develop the annual 900 assignment status report provided to INC and other appropriate bodies.

**7.5** Treat information supplied by the applicant as proprietary and confidential and not disclose that information to non-900 NXX code administrator personnel, except as requested by appropriate regulatory bodies.

**7.6** Initiate an inquiry into the status of one or more NXX codes that have not been activated within the required time frame. If appropriate, the code administrator will initiate an investigation for the return of the code(s).

**7.7** Conduct periodic audits of code holder records (see Section 9.0 Code Conservation).

**7.8** Perform reclamation procedures outlined in Section 8, as needed.

## **8.0 Code Reclamation Procedures**

### **8.1 Resource Assignee Responsibility**

The entity to which a NANP resource has been assigned shall return the resource to its administrator if:

- It is no longer needed by the entity for the purpose for which it was originally assigned
- The service it was assigned for is discontinued, or
- The resource was not activated by the INC-established activation date.

In the latter case, the assignee may apply to the administrator for an extension date. Such an extension request must include the reason for the delay and a new activation time commitment.

### **8.2 Administrator Responsibility**

- The NANP resource administrator will contact any resource assignee(s) identified as not having returned to the administrator for reassignment of any NANP resource:
  - Assigned, but no longer in use by the assignee(s),
  - Assigned to a service no longer offered,
  - Assigned, but not activated by the INC-established date, or
  - Assigned but not used in conformance with the appropriate assignment guidelines.

The code administrator will seek clarification from the assignee(s) regarding the alleged non-use or misuse. If the assignee(s) provides an explanation satisfactory to the administrator, and in conformance with the assignment guidelines the resource will remain assigned. If no satisfactory explanation is provided, the administrator will request a letter from the assignee(s) returning the assigned resource. If a direct contact can not be made with the assignee(s) to effect the above process a registered letter will be sent to the assignee(s) address of record requesting that they contact the administrator within 30 days regarding the alleged resource non-use or misuse. If the letter is returned as non-delivered the administrator will advise the INC that the resource will be made available for reassignment following the established idle period, if any, unless the INC advises otherwise within 30 days.

- The NANP resource administrator will refer to the INC for resolution any instance where a NANP-assigned resource has not been returned for reassignment by the assignee if:
  - The resource has not been activated by the INC established date.
  - A previously activated resource is not now in use.
  - An activated resource is not being used in accordance with the appropriate assignment guidelines.
- If a resource is not activated by the INC-established date and the administrator determines, by discussion with the resource assignee(s), that the reason for the non-activation is not within the control of the assignee(s), the administrator may extend the INC-established activation date by up to 90 days.
- The NANP resource administrator will receive, process and refer to the INC for resolution any application from resource assignees for an extension on an INC-established NANP resource activation date when the:
  - Activation has not occurred within the 90 day extension,
  - Administrator believes that the activation has not occurred due to reason within the assignee's control, or
  - Assignee requests an extension in excess of 90 days.

Referral to INC will include the offered reason why the extension is requested, a new proposed activation date, and the administrator's recommended action.

The resource administrator will make all returned resources available for assignment following the established idle time, if any.

### **8.3 INC Responsibilities**

The INC will:

- Accept all referrals of alleged non-use or misuse of NANP resources from the resource administrator or any other entity, by referring issues to the Resource Management Workshop
- Investigate the referral,
- Review referrals in the context of existing assignment guidelines,
- Attempt to resolve the referral, and
- Direct the resource administrator regarding the action, if any, to be taken.

Absent a consensus resolution of the referral or non-compliance to the resolution by the resource assignee, the case will be referred by INC via the CLC process, to the appropriate regulatory body for resolution.

## **9.0 Code Conservation**

Assignment of the NANP area 900 NXX numbering resources is undertaken with the following conservation objectives:

- To efficiently and effectively administer/manage a limited NANP resource through code conservation
- To delay the exhaust of the 900 NXX code resource.

**9.1** The code administrator will track and monitor 900 NXX code assignments. Ongoing code administrator practices which foster conservation shall include the following:

**9.1.1** The code administrator may conduct an audit (e.g., when a 900 NXX code holder requests additional NXX codes). The purpose of this audit is to verify the code applicant's/holder's compliance with the provisions set forth in these guidelines.

**9.1.1.1** These audits may be conducted, if necessary, at the code applicant's/holder's premises or at a mutually agreed to location and at a mutually agreed to time.

**9.1.1.2** The code administrator will not copy or remove the information from the premises nor will they disclose the information to non-900 NXX code administrator personnel.

**9.1.1.3** The code administrator will expect to review the activation status of each 900 NXX assigned to the entity.

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**9.2** Audit results should be used to identify and recommend to the appropriate organization specific corrective actions that may be necessary. Examples of specific corrective actions which may be proposed are as follows:

- Modifications to the 900 NXX Code Assignment Guidelines
- Additional training for code applicant(s) concerning the assignment guidelines
- Return of NXX codes (either voluntarily or via the appropriate regulatory action)
- Requiring supporting documentation of future code requests in non-compliant situations
- Process modifications to code applicant(s) in the maintenance of records for and/or number assignment.

**9.3** Audit results with respect to code applicant/holder information and/or recommended code holder process modifications shall be treated on a proprietary and confidential basis, adequately safeguarded and not shared with non-900 NXX code administrator personal.

**9.4** Failure to participate/cooperate in an audit shall preclude the assignment of additional 900 NXX codes, may trigger other corrective action, and will be considered as having failed an audit (see Section 9.2).

## **10.0 CODE RELIEF PLANNING**

The Code Administrator's responsibilities for code relief planning shall include the following:

**10.1** 900 NXX code assignments will be tracked and monitored, and when the projected exhaust is within 5 years relief planning activities will be initiated within the industry. An annual report of 900 NXX utilization will be presented to the INC.

**10.2** When the 900 code approaches exhaust it is planned that the code administrator will examine the available options (e.g., assignment of another N00 or other NPA) and in consultation with Industry will assign another NPA code for 900 services.

## **11.0 MAINTENANCE OF GUIDELINES**

It may be necessary to modify the guidelines periodically to meet changing and unforeseen circumstances. Questions regarding the maintenance of the guidelines may be directed to:

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## 12.0 APPEALS PROCESS

Disagreements may arise between the Code Administrator and code applicants/holders in the context of the administration of these guidelines. In all cases, the Code Administrator and code applicants/holders will make reasonable, good faith efforts to resolve such disagreements among themselves consistent with the guidelines prior to pursuing any appeal. Appeals may include but are not limited to one or more of the following options:

- The code applicant/holder will have the opportunity to resubmit the matter to the administrator for reconsideration with or without additional input.
- Guidelines interpretation/clarification questions may be referred to the body responsible for maintenance of the guidelines. Unless otherwise mutually agreed to by the parties, these questions will be submitted in a generic manner protecting the identity of the appellant.
- The code administrator and code applicant/holder may pursue the disagreement with the appropriate governmental/regulatory body.

Reports on any resolution resulting from the above options, the content which will be mutually agreed upon by the involved parties, will be kept on file by the code administrator. At minimum, the report will contain the final disposition of the appeal; e.g., whether or not a code was assigned.

## 13.0 GLOSSARY

**900 Services** - These are any public telecommunication service which may be accessed by the public over the PSTN using the dialing format 900-NXX-XXXX, in which the caller pays for the call. 900 Service is frequently referred to as "Pay-Per-Call".

**ACNA (Access Customer Name Abbreviation)** - is a three character alpha identification assigned by Bellcore Common Language Group to a purchaser of Feature Group B and/or Feature Group D services. The code is primarily used for billing between Local Exchange Carrier and the access purchaser.

**Activated** - A 900 code is considered activated if the code holder has arranged for the code to be opened (i.e., for the necessary translations to be performed) in at least one Central Office.

**Authorized Representative** - The person from the applicant's/holder's organization or of code applicant/holder its agent that has the legal authority to take action on behalf of the applicant/holder

**Central Office (CO)** - A Central Office is a local switching system that connects lines and trunks.

**CIC (Carrier Identification Code)** - is a numeric code which is currently used to identify a customer who purchased Feature Group B or Feature Group D access services. This code is primarily used for routing from the local exchange network to the access purchaser and for billing between the Local Exchange Carrier and access purchaser. CICs are assigned by the North American Numbering Plan administration.

**Code Administrator** - Administration of 900 NXX codes will be performed by the NANPA. Current contact information as shown in Section 10.

**900 Code Holder** - The entity to which a 900 NXX code has been assigned for the provisioning of 900 services.

**Conservation** - Consideration given to the efficient and effective use of a finite numbering resource in order to minimize the cost and need to expand its availability while at the same time allowing the maximum flexibility in the introduction of new services, capabilities and features.

**INC** - The Industry Numbering Committee is a forum under the Carrier Liaison Committee (CLC). The mission of the INC is to provide an open forum to address and resolve industry-wide issues associated with the planning, administration, allocation, assignment and use of numbering resources and related dialing considerations for public telecommunications.

**Local Exchange Routing Guide (LERG)** - A Bellcore document which contains information about local routing data obtained from the Routing Data Base System (RDBS). This information reflects the current network configuration and scheduled network changes for all entities originating or terminating PSTN calls within the NANP excluding Canada.

**NANP** - The North American Numbering Plan is a numbering architecture in which every station in the NANP area is identified by a unique ten-digit address consisting of a three-digit NPA code of the form NXX, a three digit central office code of the form NXX, and a four-digit line number of the form XXXX, where N represents the

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**NANP area** - Consists of the United States, Canada, Bermuda, and the NANP Caribbean administrations. (Replaces World Zone 1 in all documents)

**NANPA North American Numbering Plan - Administration.** With divestiture, key responsibilities for coordination and administration of the North American Numbering/Dialing Plans were assigned to NANPA. These central administration functions are exercised in an impartial manner toward all industry segments while balancing the utilization of a limited resource.

**NPA - Numbering Plan Area, also called area code.** An NPA is the 3-digit code which occupies the A, B, and C positions in the 10-digit NANP format which applies throughout the NANP area. NPAs are of the form NXX, where N represents the digits 2-9 and X represents any digit 0-9. NPAs are classified as either geographic or non-geographic.

- a) Geographic NPAs are NPAs which correspond to discrete geographic areas within the NANP area.
- b) Non-geographic NPAs are NPAs which do not correspond to discrete geographic areas, but which are instead assigned for services with attributes, functionalities, or requirements that transcend specific geographic boundaries. The common examples are NPAs in the N00 format; e.g., 800. N00 codes are commonly referred to as service access codes (SACs).

**Number Portability** - Number portability in the context of 900 service implies that a 900 NXX subscriber can change 900 carriers while retaining their number assignment.

**OCN - Operating Company Number** is an alpha-numeric field in the Routing Database System (RDBS) that identifies the company to which a NXX code, such as a 900 NXX code, has been assigned. OCNs are assigned by the National Exchange Carriers Association (NECA) for its members or by Bellcore's Traffic Routing Administration for non-NECA members with assigned NANP resource(s) entered in RDBS.

**PSTN - Public Switched Telephone Network.** The PSTN is comprised of all transmission and switching facilities and signal processors supplied and operated by all telecommunications common carriers for use by the public. Every station on the PSTN is capable of being accessed from every other station on the PSTN via the use of NANP E.164 numbers.

**Public Telecommunication Service** - A public commercial service, the subscribers to which must be capable of being reached over the public switched telephone network.

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**Carriers -** Any entity that is authorized, as appropriate, by local government, state, federal or NANP area governmental authorities to provide 900 service to the public.

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**ATTACHMENT A**

**900 NXX CODE FORMS**

These forms consist of three parts<sup>1</sup>:

- PART A**            To be completed by the Code Applicant/Holder:
1. 900 NXX Code request (one per form), Sections 3c and 3d
  2. Code Return Notification, Section 3f
  3. Code Information Change, Section 3e
- PART B**            To be completed by the Code Administrator in response to receipt of Part A above.
- PART C**            To be completed by Code Holder to confirm implementation of the assigned code.
- SEND TO:**           Director - NANP Administration (NANPA)  
6 Corporate Place, Room 1F275  
Piscataway, New Jersey 08854-4157

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<sup>1</sup> Code applicants/holders can obtain assistance in completing the 900 NXX Code Forms from the code administrator shown above and confirm they have the latest version of the application. Forms may be obtained on the internet ([www.atis.org](http://www.atis.org)) and reproduced locally as required.

## 900 NXX CODE FORMS

## PART A

## ASSIGNMENT REQUEST/RETURN NOTIFICATION/INFORMATION CHANGE

The applicant and the code administrator acknowledge that the information other than identifying the applicant and any code assigned to that applicant, contained on this request form is sensitive and will be treated as confidential. The information in this form shall be treated as proprietary and will only be shared with 900 NXX code administrator personnel and/or regulators.

## 1. Name of entity requesting code assignment/return notification/information change:

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## 2. Applicant Contact Information:

Name: 

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Street Address: 

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 Room: 

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City, State/Province, 

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Country 

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Zip/Postal Code 

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Phone No.: 

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 FAX No.: 

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Company Name: 

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Operating Company Number (OCN)<sup>2</sup>: 

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Access Customer Name Abbreviation (ACNA)<sup>3</sup>: 

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Carrier Identification Code (CIC)<sup>3</sup>: 

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<sup>2</sup> Not required for code assignment. See Glossary in "Assignment Guidelines" for definition.

**3. 900 NXX Code Request**

- 3a.** Is certification or authorization required to provide 900 NXX service in the intended service area?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, does your company have such certification or authorization?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, indicate type and date of certification (e.g., letter of authorization, license, Certification of Public Convenience, etc.):

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If no or pending, explain:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**3b. Type of Request (*check one*)**

- \_\_\_\_\_ 900 NXX Code request (also complete Sections 3c and 3d)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 900 NXX Code return (also complete Section 3e)  
\_\_\_\_\_ 900 NXX Code information change (also complete Section 3f)

**3c. 900 NXX Code Request Information** (see Section 5 of the Guidelines)

There will be no maximum placed on the total number of codes assigned to each carrier. No more than 5 codes can be requested per application form. Additional codes will be allocated provided the applicant can:

1. Demonstrate that all previously assigned codes have been activated or will be activated within the six-month period from the date the codes were assigned (see Section 3d).
2. Justify the need for the additional codes requested by advising of plans to activate new service requiring individual codes within six months of the date of the request.

Assignment Preferences	Activation Date
(1) _____	_____
(2) _____	_____
(3) _____	_____
(4) _____	_____
(5) _____	_____

Expected date of activation(s) (must be within 6 Months of assignment)

**3d. Current 900 NXX Code Assignments**

List current 900 NXX Code(s) already assigned:

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Have all the above 900 NXXs been activated or will they be activated within 6 months of assignment?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, please list the 900 NXXs not activated and the reasons why.

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**3e. Code Return Notification**

The following 900 NXX code(s) are being returned to the list of available NXX codes:

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

**3f. Code Information Change**

900 NXX Codes affected:

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Reasons for change:

- \_\_\_\_\_ Merger/Acquisition  
\_\_\_\_\_ Company Name Change  
\_\_\_\_\_ Contact Information Change  
\_\_\_\_\_ Other

Explanation: \_\_\_\_\_

Effective date: \_\_\_\_\_

These NXX code(s) were formally administered by:

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Room: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State/Province, \_\_\_\_\_



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Country: \_\_\_\_\_

Zip/Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ FAX: \_\_\_\_\_

OCN: \_\_\_\_\_ ACNA: \_\_\_\_\_ CIC: \_\_\_\_\_

It is understood that the applicant will return the assigned 900 NXX code to the administrator if the resource is no longer in use by the applicant, no longer required for the service for which it was intended, not activated within the timeframe specified in these guidelines (an extension can be applied for), or not used in conformance with these assignment guidelines.

I hereby certify that the above information is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, that the assigned 900 NXX code will be used in the provision of 900 service as a public telecommunications service, and that this application has been prepared in accordance with the "900 NXX Code Assignment Guidelines."

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Signature of Authorized Representative of Code Applicant/Holder

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Name/Title

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Date